

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 330

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Albert B. McCall for meritorious military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert McCall, Sr., served with courage and gallantry in the military and has devoted his civilian life to hard work and family values; he deserves proper recognition for heroism both in the United States Army and in society today; and

WHEREAS, Albert McCall, Sr. was born on July 10, 1929, in Carthage, Tennessee, and graduated from Tennessee Technological University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture; he earned a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition from the University of Missouri in 1951 and taught agriculture at Winterset High School in Winterset, Iowa for a year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall completed Army Battery Officers Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1952; he served as an Army Artillery Officer in Korea from 1952 to 1953, then as a Forward Observer in Korea in 1953; and

WHEREAS, valiantly sacrificing part of his hearing to artillery fire in Korea, he was discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, following his release from military service, he returned to Iowa and taught World War II veterans agriculture at Boone High School; he then pursued his Ph.D at Iowa State University while holding down five jobs; and

WHEREAS, after he was married, Albert took over his father's small plumbing and appliance business and dramatically transformed it; D.T. McCall and Sons is now the 49th largest furniture and appliance store in the United States and number one in profit per dollars worth of sales according to *Home Furnishings Daily*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall has served with great acumen and ability as the owner of D.T. McCall & Sons and has earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall is an active member of First Baptist Church in Carthage; an advocate for personal responsibility and achieving individual potential, he believes in the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and is a contributor to Republican politics; and

WHEREAS, Albert McCall is grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife of over fifty years, Virginia Doran McCall; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCall is the proud father of Menda, an advertising agent married to Howard Holmes, owner of an energy consulting business, and Albert, Jr., a partner at D.T. McCall & Sons, married to Beth, a school nurse; and

WHEREAS, he is also the proud grandfather of Monica, Derek, Alex, and Katie; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Albert B. McCall has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of everyone who is fortunate to know him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Albert Burr McCall, Sr., from Carthage for his valiant service in the United States Army, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.